

# Out of the Flood and into the Hub: Piloting the First State's Resilience Hub

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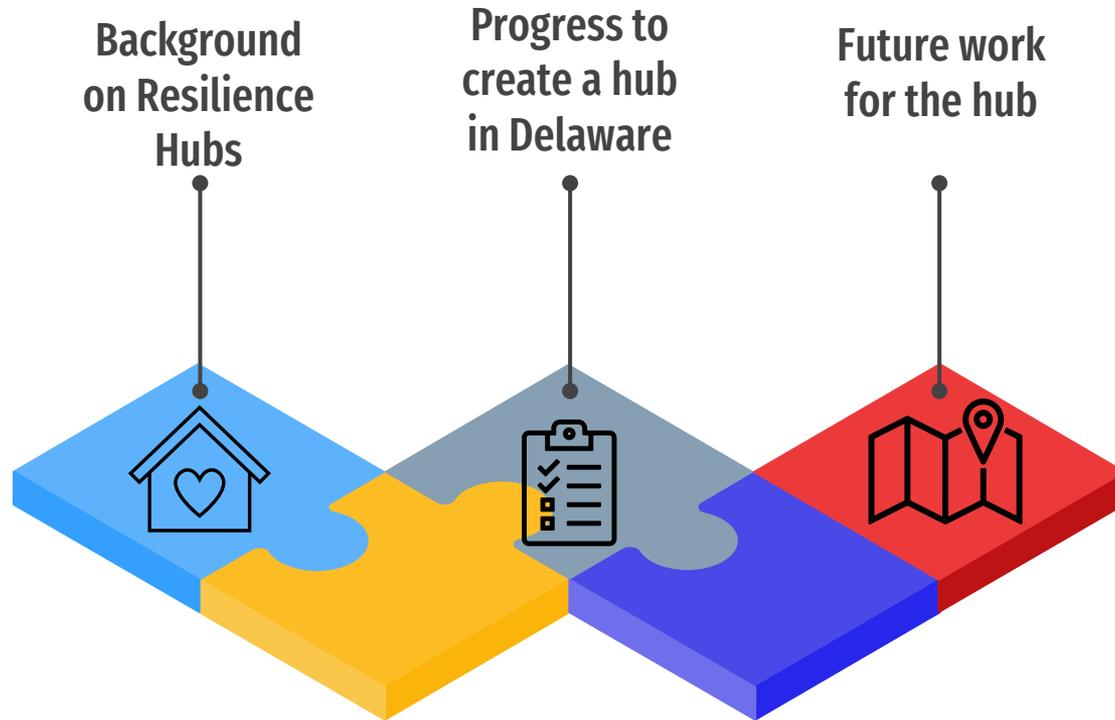
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# Presentation Road Map



# Building Resilience in Delaware

**Project title:** Building Resilience through Relationships: Collaborating with Local Organizations to Support Frontline Communities

- Inspired by flooding in Wilmington due to Hurricane Ida
- Brandywine River reach a record high of 23.1 feet
- 200 people rescued
- NE community still recovering



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## Emergency Preparedness

Designed to meet the **needs** of the community **before, during** and **after** a **hazard** event.

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# Creating the First Resilience Hub



## Survey

In 2014 the Office of Sustainability in Baltimore, MD, was surveying historically segregated communities.



## Realization

Discovered community leaders already providing essential services to residents.



## Support

Asked how they could support the community.



## Creation/ Codevelopment

Strong partnerships developed the first resilience hub in the country.



# Building a Resilience Network

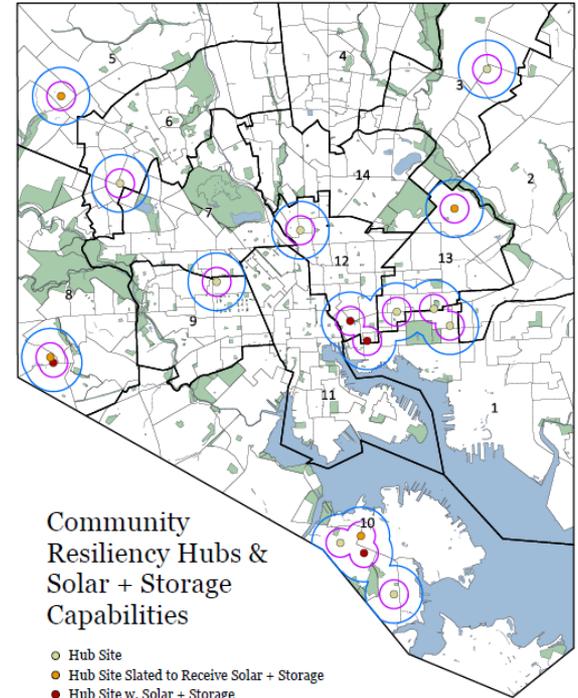
## Baltimore, MD

Since 2014 the resilience hub network has been growing

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## Increased Social Cohesion

Increased awareness, partnerships, and resources.



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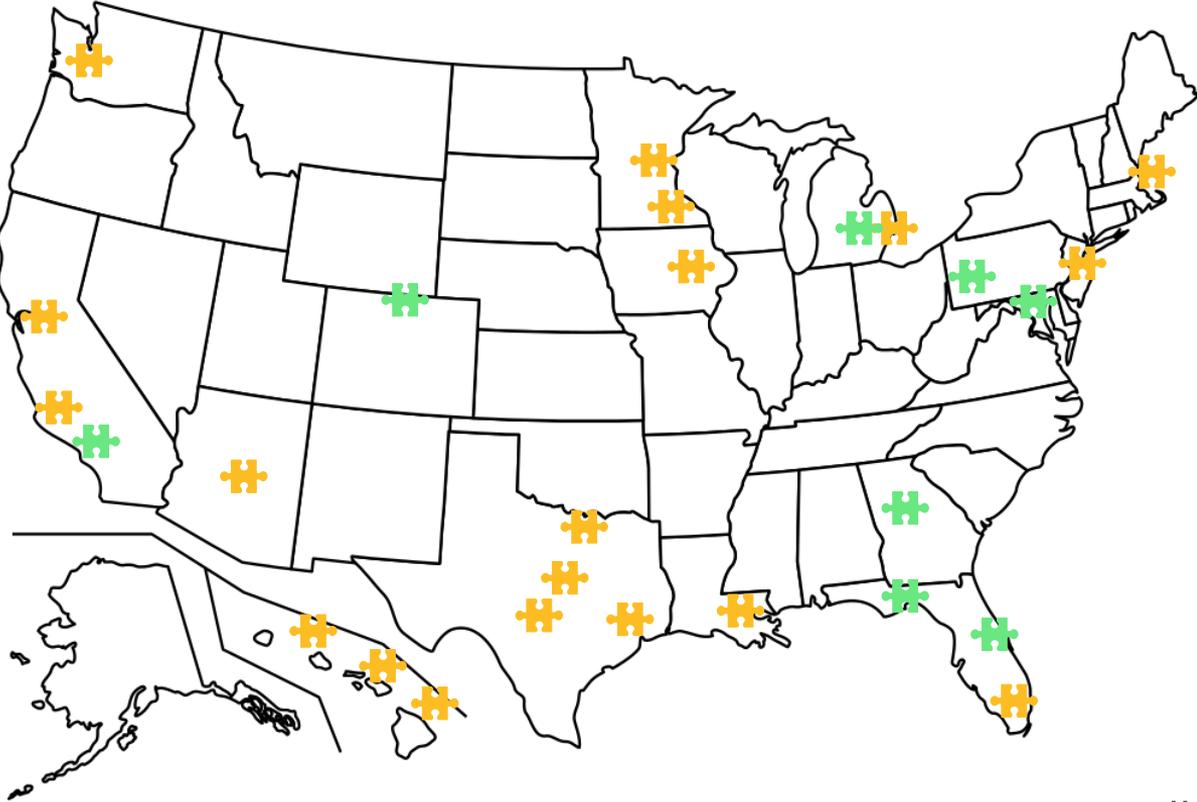
# Nationwide Growth of Resilience Hubs



Hubs in progress



Open (Activated)



Map adapted from: rmi.org

# USDN Five Components of a Resilience Hub



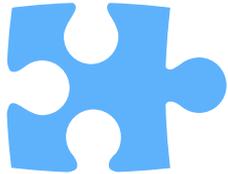
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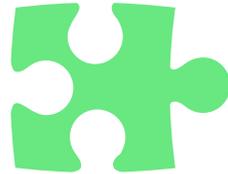
# Natural Evolution of Resilience Hubs

- Resilience hubs are tailored to their communities through partnerships and engagement to tackle their unique stressors.
- Meaning that resilience hubs can evolve over time to meet current community needs.

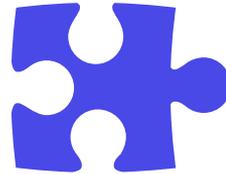
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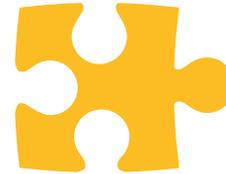
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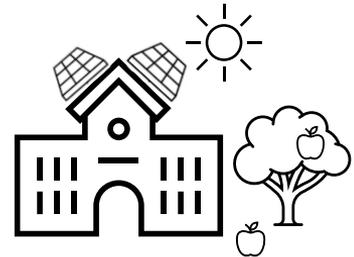
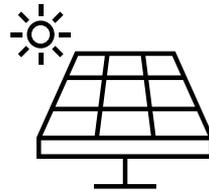
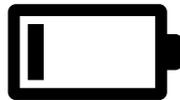
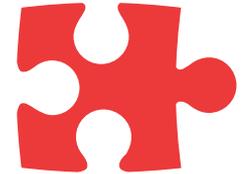
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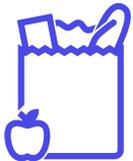
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# No Two Resilience Hubs are the Same



**FCEC**  
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**Issue:**  
Food access and  
public safety.

**Hub Solution:**  
Industrial  
kitchen and  
health  
education.

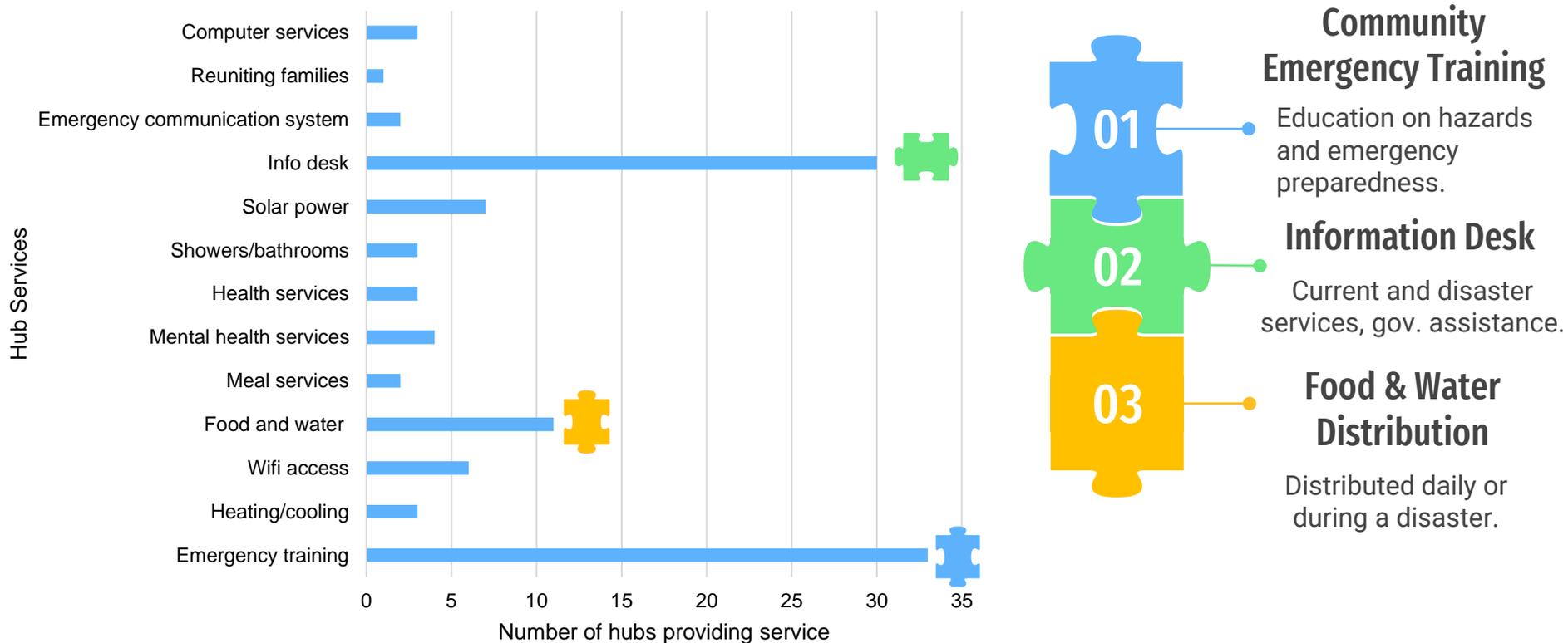
**Issue:**  
Extreme heat  
events.

**Hub Solution:**  
Heat relief via  
battery backup.

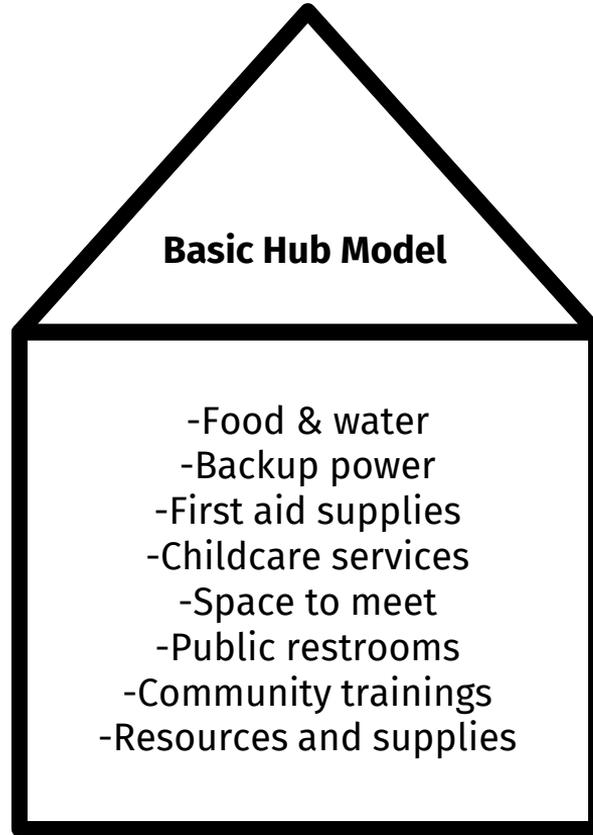
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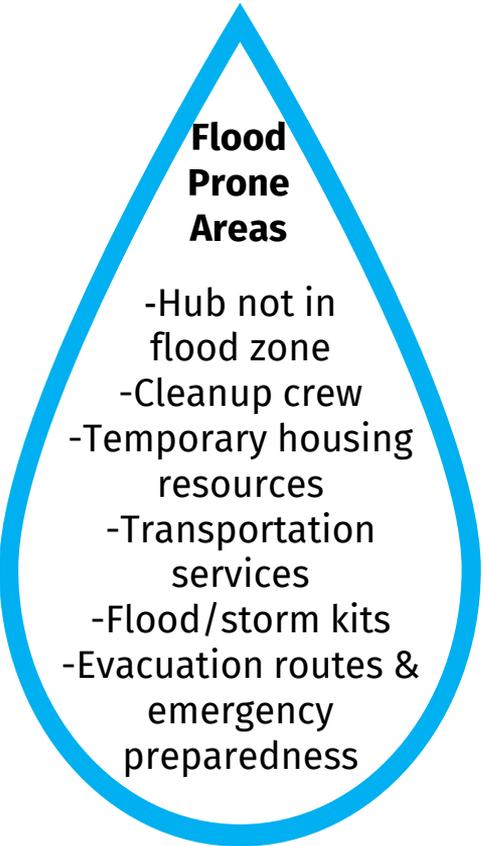
# What services are resilience hubs currently providing?



# A Hub for all Occasions

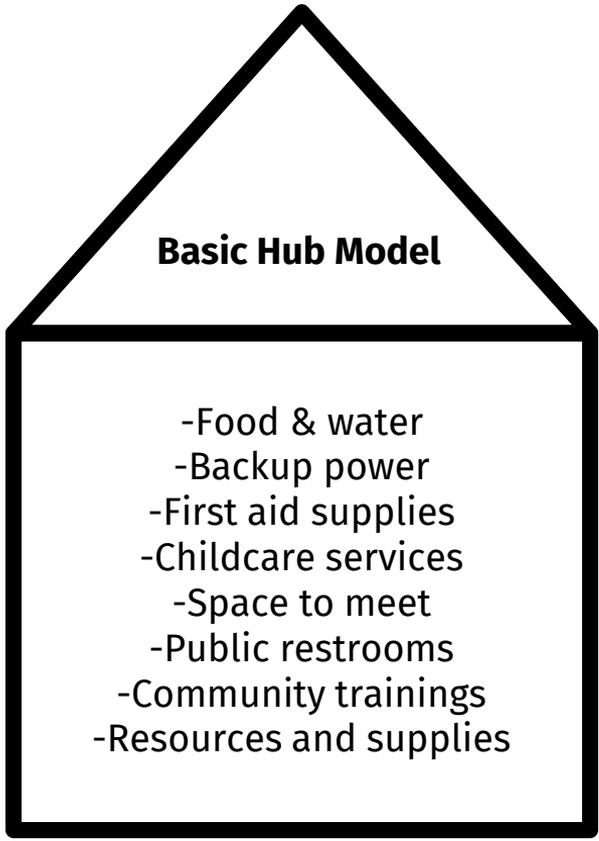


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## Flood Prone Areas

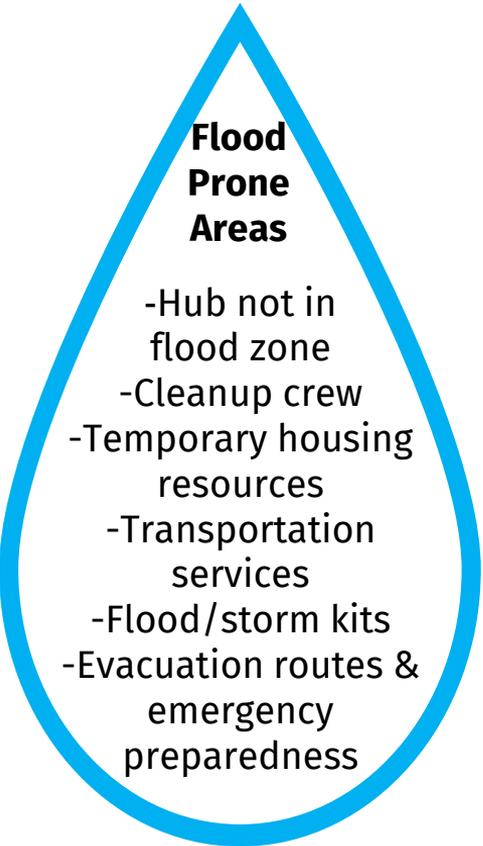
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- Transportation services
- Flood/storm kits
- Evacuation routes & emergency preparedness



## Basic Hub Model

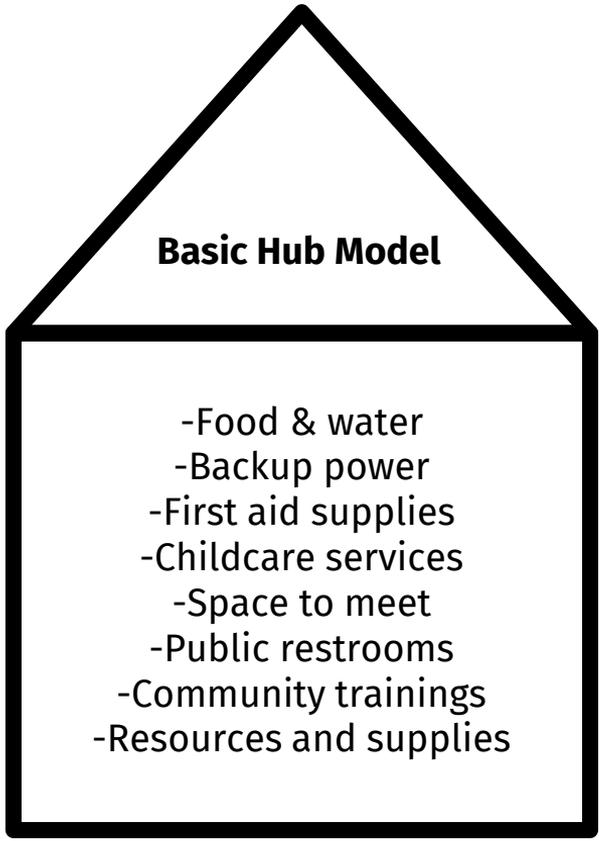
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## Heat Islands

- Cooling center
- Community gardens
- Shady spaces
- Heat related kits
- Rain barrels

# Applying Resilient Solutions Locally

- Partnered with Green Building United
  - Planning grant to learn what NE residents want in a resilience hub
  - Outlined series of workshops to educate 10 local leaders - Resilience Team
  - Compensated to serve as ambassadors, go through training, and attend two design planning charrettes to get the rest of the community involved in developing a resilience hub



Photos from: Facebook\_Northeast Rising



USA Today's  
Woman  
of the  
Year!

# Planning for Resilience

- Workshops to train the Resilience Team on climate change and resilient solutions
  - Red Cross
  - What are Resilience Hubs?
  - Neighborhood Revitalization – Leadership Training
- Gathered community input for resilience kits
  - Go kit for emergencies containing supplies like first aid kits and chargers



# Community Engagement

- Recently held the second planning workshop
- Began designing Hub services and distributed resilience kits to NE residents



## Northeast Rising: Climate Resilience Hub Design Workshop

COMMUNITY  
ENGAGEMENT,  
DISASTER  
PREPAREDNESS

Free  
Resilience Kits  
to first 25  
participants

Northeast Community Residents

April 29, 2023 11am - 3pm

Do you want to help us create a climate  
resilience hub?

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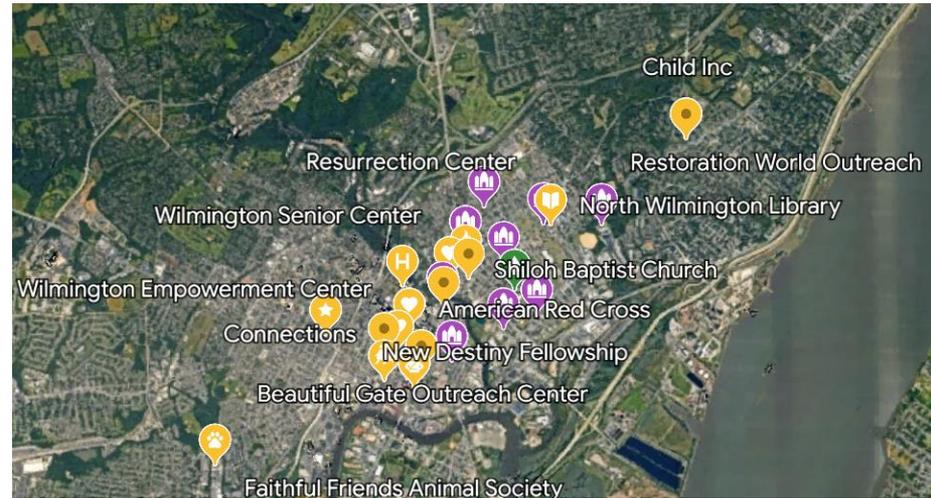
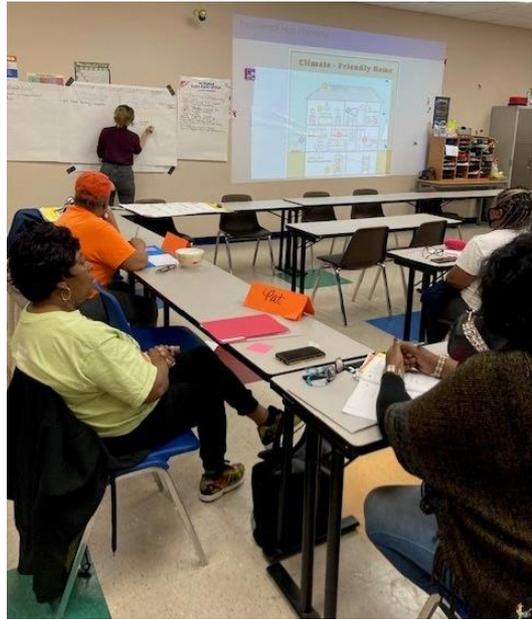


# USDN Six Phases of Developing a Resilience Hub



## Survey

Complete vulnerability assessments and determine service area and assets.



Complete

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**Complete**



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Complete



In  
Progress



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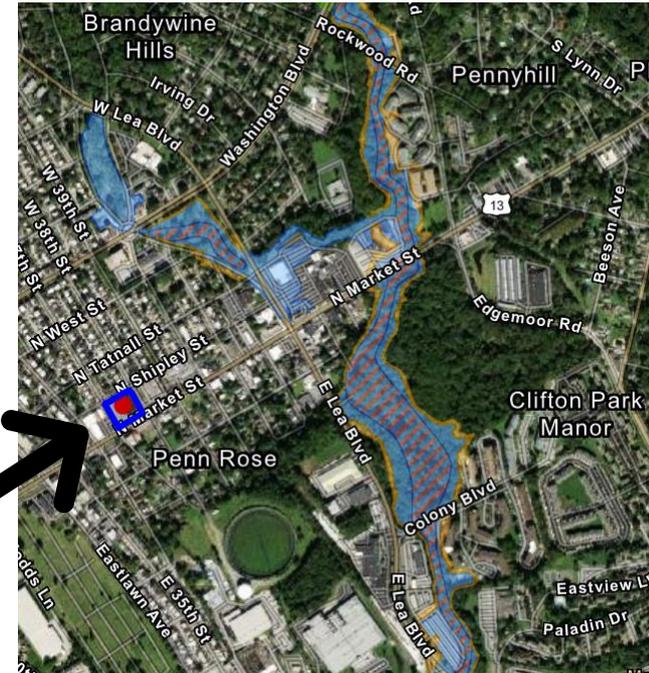
# Choosing a Hub Location Outside of the Flood Zone



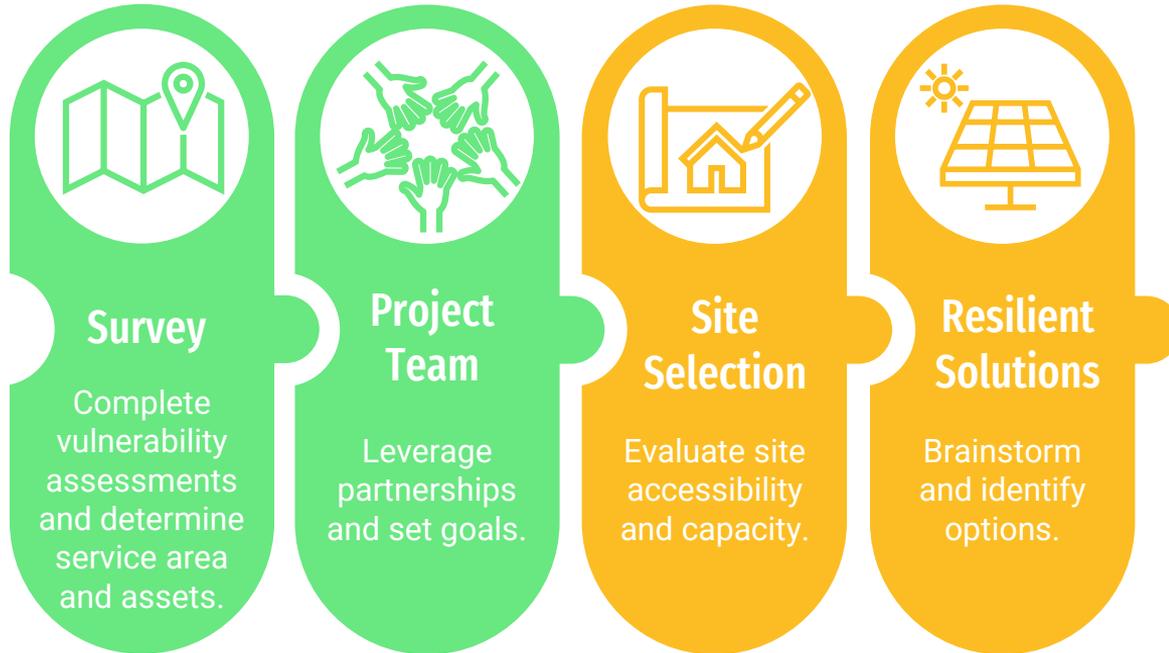
## Site Selection

Evaluate site accessibility and capacity.

- PAL is NOT WITHIN the FEMA 100-year floodplain
- Provided relief services to residents during Ida
- Good relationship with community
- Walkable location
- Still being evaluated for accessibility and capacity



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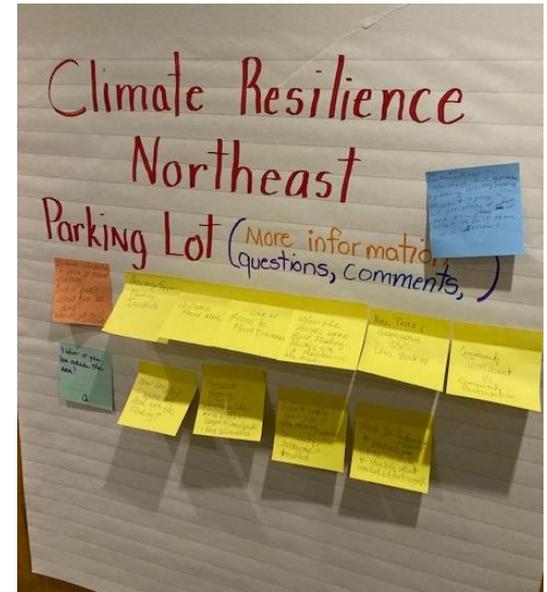
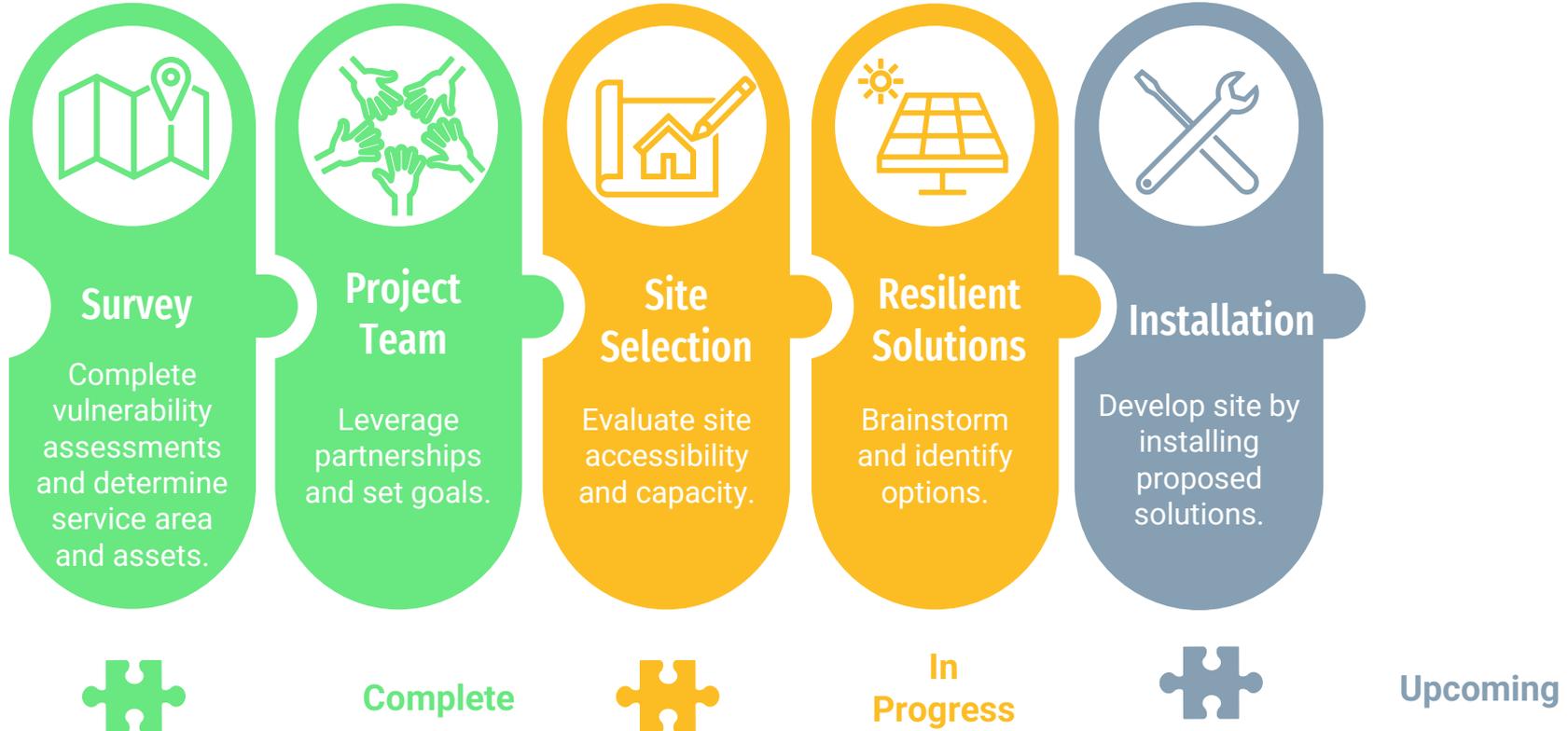
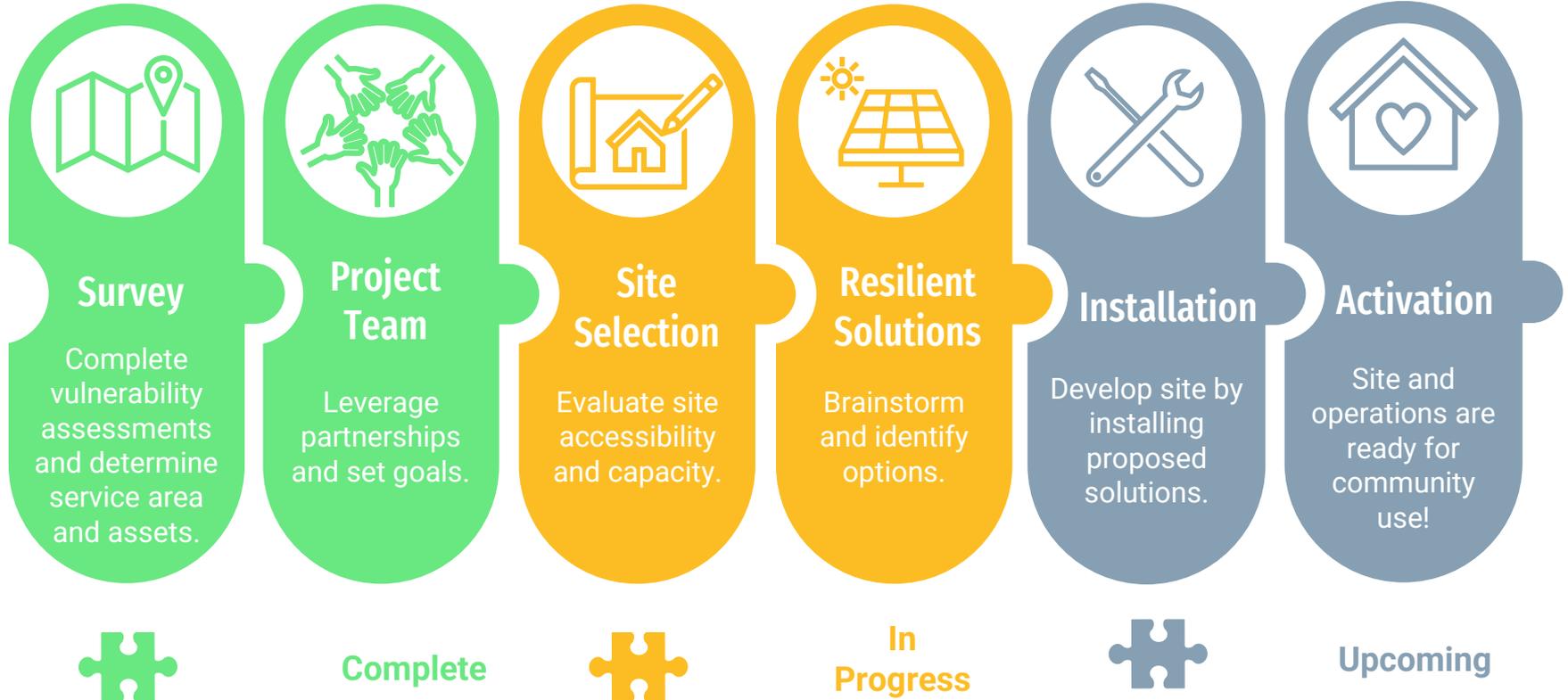


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# Next steps

Finishing up  
planning grant

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Investigating  
solar options

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Pursuing  
additional grant  
opportunities

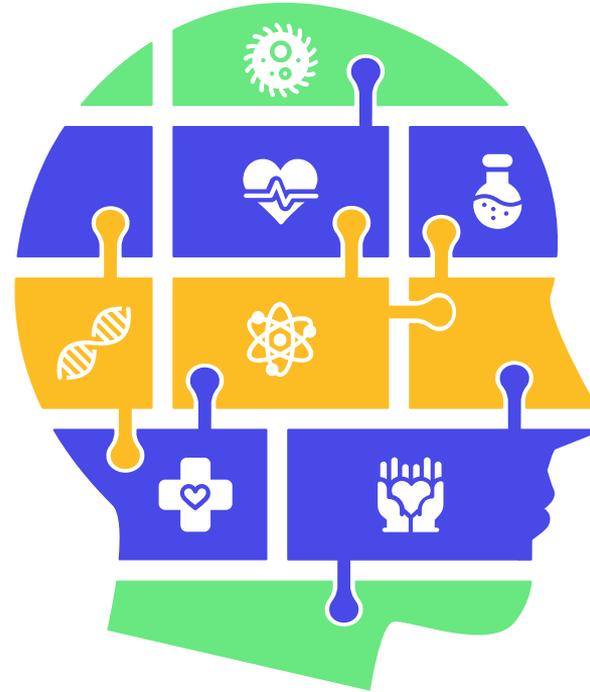
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Community  
outreach events



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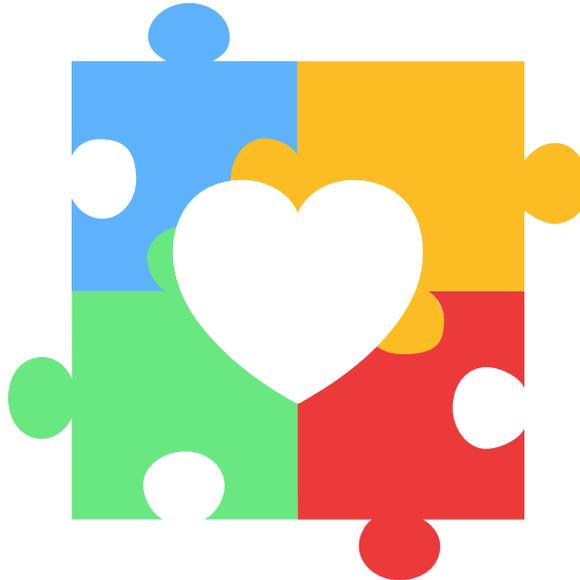
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